

Minutes for Special Meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2022, at 12:30 pm at 8305 Augusta Road Pelzer, SC 29669.

Jim Darby called the meeting to order. Jimmy Brashier was absent. Jim Darby asked Donnie Freeman to pray.

Old Business

- I. Jim Darby said this meeting was called to discuss the repairs to Engine 77. The meeting is to review and discuss the repairs in detail. Assistant Chief Finley reminded everyone that Engine 77 is one of the American LaFrance's, and all have cooling issues. On September 26, the truck ran hot. We checked and found a busted hose, so it was replaced. On September 29, they called and said that it had white smoke coming from it and other signs of more coolant issues. We towed it to the mechanics shop because we did not want to cause any more harm to the truck. The mechanic did trouble shooting on the engine. It turns out the EGR cooler was bad. This caused there to be carbon in the engine. The quote (see attached) is for an overhaul of the engine. The parts are all Detroit parts. It also needs a radiator replaced. The block seems to be ok. John Jennings said the Board as a whole needs to know the health of the fleet. The Board approves the budget and large expenses like this. Donnie Freeman asked if we have the money left in Vehicle Repairs to cover the expense. Chief Sutherland said that we hope to pay for the parts which is \$13,449.53 this year and the balance of the repair next year. Chief Sutherland said that we have 3 American La France trucks. Repairs for them have been the majority of our Vehicle Repairs for the last few years. They are all related to the cooling systems. The new trucks do not have the same cooling system. The old trucks had a design issue that caused these cooling issues. John Jennings said he just had a hard time spending \$25,000.00 knowing it is a band aid. Jim Darby said that we need to hope and pray that something similar does not happen to another truck. Assistant Chief Finley ask for approval to spend up to \$25,000.00 on the repair. This will give room if there is something else, he finds after he gets the truck running. We do not know if the turbo charger will need to be replaced. Assistant Chief Finley said that this mechanic will not add things unless he knows it is needed. John Jennings said that we need to make sure that everything is fixed before we get it back. Donnie Freeman said that he would prefer not to spend any more money on this truck. Jim Darby said at this point we do not have a choice. We must fix the truck. Sabrina Bedingfield motioned to fix the repairs on Engine 77 up to \$25,000.00. John Jennings second it. All in favor.
- II. Chief Sutherland said that he should have labeled this as potential updates to the FY2022 and FY2023 CIP. He said that over three years a lot can change and the current situation at the time the new trucks arrive will determine what we need to do. The current plan (see attached) is FY 2021; replace Rescue 80, which has been ordered. We moved Engine 77 up to be replaced in FY2022 due to the fact we purchased a Platform this year. FY2023 is to replace Engine 80, and FY2024 is to replace Engine 75. This is the plan but at any time it may change. Right now, it is taking 16 months to build a truck, so if we order in February like we plan to it will be 2023 before we get that truck. A lot can happen during this time. John Jennings asked what price Chief Sutherland thought we could sell the American La France trucks for. Chief Sutherland said that he did not really know. The trucks American La France are fifteen years old and the company is out of business so parts are limited. We will just have to see what happens in the next 18 months and decide what to do when the truck is ready to be put in service. Donnie Freeman said we need to fix Engine 77 and order the new truck and hope and pray nothing else happens before it gets here. He said to please keep the Commissioners

informed and if we get desperate then we will decide what to do at that time. John Jennings motioned to adjourn. Sabrina Bedingfield second it. All were in favor.

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